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SUBJ: AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY ADDRESSES UNGA

1. THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR OF AUSTRIA, BRUNO KREISKY, ADDRESSED THE UNGA ON NOVEMBER 11, 1974. IN HIS SPEECH KREISKY TOUCHED ON THE WORLD ENERGY PROBLEM, AUSTRIAN NEUTRALITY AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

2. KREISKY SAID THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES HAVE A RIGHT TO CHARGE A REASONABLE PRICE FOR THEIR PRODUCT BUT IT IS IN THEIR INTEREST TO HELP IN FINDING SOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD PREVENT A WORLD CRISIS. HE SAID IT WAS REASONABLE FOR THE INDUSTRIAL NATIONS TO WORK OUT A COMMON ENERGY POLICY SO LONG AS COOPERATION WITH OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, AND NOT CONFRONTATION, RESULTED. HE THOUGHT THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM (IEP) IN THE OECD FRAMEWORK WOULD REPRESENT THIS KIND OF COOPERATION, TO BE FOLLOWED BY WIDER COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. KREISKY CALLED ATTENTION TO AUSTRIA'S NEUTRALITY AND NOTED VIENNA HAS FREQUENTLY BEEN THE SITE OF UN MEETINGS. HE THEN REFERRED TO THE CONSTRUCTION PRESENTLY UNDERWAY IN

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VIENNA OF A COMPLEX OF LARGE BUILDINGS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL

ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED THERE. IN REFERRING TO THE PROPOSAL BEFORE THE UNGA THAT VIENNA BE INCLUDED IN THE UN PATTERN OF CONFERENCES, HE ARGUED THAT THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND STABILITY IN CENTRAL EUROPE. KREISKY ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO AUSTRIA'S HUMANITARIAN ROLE WITH RESPECT TO REFUGEES.

4. IN COMMENTING ON THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, KREISKY STATED THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT GOAL WAS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A MILITARY STANDSTILL IN THE REGION. AUSTRIA, HE SAID, HAS GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL, AND REGARDS A DEBATE ON THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION AS USEFUL. WITH RESPECT TO THE PLO, HE SAID JUDGMENT SHOULD NOT BE PASSED ON A MOVEMENT BEFORE IT HAS HAD A CHANCE TO PROVE ITS MORAL AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY.

5. HE CONCLUDED WITH THE REAFFIRMATION OF AUSTRIA'S COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UN. (FULL TEXT DATAFAXED TO EUR/CE)
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